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Wellesley Public Schools Recognized for Excellence in Budgeting

April 15, 2022 (Wellesley, MA) – Wellesley Public Schools has earned high marks for its Fiscal Year 2023 budget, receiving the Meritorious Budget Award (MBA) from the Association of School Business Officials International (ASBO). This is the first time WPS has participated in the MBA program, and program reviewers highlighted the district's sound fiscal management and budgetary policies.

Participation in the MBA program helps enhance school business officials' skills in developing, analyzing, and presenting a high-quality, easy-to-understand budget to share WPS goals and objectives both internally and with the Wellesley community.

"This award is a reflection of the incredible expertise and leadership of our Assistant Superintendent for Finance and Operations Cindy Mahr and her team to steer us through our annual budget process and bring transparency to this most important work," said WPS Superintendent of Schools Dr. David Lussier. "Through our participation in this program, WPS has demonstrated our commitment to upholding nationally recognized budget presentation standards."

As part of the program requirements, the WPS Business Office submitted its budget documents to a panel of school financial professionals who reviewed the materials for compliance with the MBA Criteria Checklist and other requirements, and provided expert feedback that the district can use going forward.

Learn more about the program at <u>asbointl.org/MBA</u>.

About Wellesley Public Schools

Wellesley Public Schools is a public school district in Wellesley, Massachusetts serving more than 5,000 students with one pre-K school, seven elementary schools, one middle school, and one high school. For more information, visit https://wellesleyps.org/

About ASBO International

Founded in 1910, the Association of School Business Officials International (ASBO) is a nonprofit organization that, through its members and affiliates, represents approximately 30,000 school business professionals worldwide. ASBO International is committed to providing programs, services, and a global network that promote the highest standards in school business. Its members support student achievement through effective resource management in various areas ranging from finance and operations to food services and transportation. Learn more at <u>asbointl.org</u>.